



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

B2 1. (Amended) A holder for a cassette for semiconductor material substrates, comprising a base plate on which a guide member provided with at least two guides is secured, which cassette can be arranged between the guides, which enable the cassette to be aligned with respect to the base plate, and a first side of the guide member which is facing away from the base plate is embodied so as to taper inwards, wherein a second side of the guide member facing the base plate is also embodied so as to taper inwards.

2. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second side facing the base plate is mirror symmetrical with respect to the first side facing away from the base plate.

B3 3. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein, viewed in cross-section, the guides demonstrate a trapezoidal, inwardly directed profile.

4. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member and the base plate are provided with corresponding openings having the shape of an elongated slot the longitudinal directions of which are mutually substantially perpendicular and by means of which the guide member is detachably secured to the base plate by means of bolts and nuts.

B4 5. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the base plate is graduated at a location of two mutually perpendicular outer sides of the guide member.

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6. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the base plate, the bolts and the nuts are made of aluminum.

B5 7. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member comprises two mirror-symmetrical guide members, which each form at least one guide, which adjoins a single side of the cassette.

8. (Amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member is made from a material having a low coefficient of friction.

9. (Amended) a device for the manufacture of semiconductor products in semiconductor substrates, provided with the holder as claimed in claim 1.

B6 10. (Amended) A device including the holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is provided with detection means, which signal that the cassette for the substrates is present in the holder.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-10 have been amended to overcome objections thereto asserted in the Office Action.